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KAPPELHOF, ET AL.

Title: Method and Device for
Manipulation of an Intraocular Lens

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 8, 2008, the applicant hereby submits the following comments:

Comments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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COMMENTS


Claims 31, 34, 36-40, 44, 51, 52, 57-59, 62-64, 67-73, and 79-84 have been allowed.

In addition to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant would like to point out that the prior art of record also does not appear to disclose or suggest a device for stretching haptics of a deformable intraocular lens, the device comprising: at least two haptic guiding surfaces respectively arranged for at least two haptic legs; a seat arranged with respect to the guiding surfaces so as to allow, when a lens is position in the seat, contact between a first point on each leg and its corresponding guiding surface; and a lens guiding arrangement operable to allow a lens positioned in the seat to be moved along a path in the optic axis direction to bring at least a second point on each let into contact with, or closer to, its corresponding guiding surface, to orient each leg to a less curved state, wherein the seat is a part separate from the guiding surfaces and includes a securement structure, wherein the device includes corresponding structures on or at the guiding surfaces or a support for the guiding surfaces, wherein the securement structure and the corresponding structures are operable to cooperate to secure a lens in an orientation, and wherein the seat securement structure comprises a pair of guide fins to cooperate with separations between the guiding surfaces to orient the lens.

Should any additional fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502317. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigning attorney at 714-247-8422.

Respectfully submitted,

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